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1. SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO THE 81 DETAINEES FREED PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS, SAG HAS NOW RELEASED 32 MORE. INCLUDED AMONGST LATTER GROUP ARE MRS. WINNIE MANDELA, DR. NTHATO MOTLANA, GIBSON KENTE, JOYCE SEROKWE, JANE PHAKATHI AND PETER MAGUBANE. FIVE, AMONG THEM MRS. MANDELA, WERE SERVED WITH STRICT BANNING ORDERS UPON RELEASE. END SUMMARY

2. COMPLETE LIST OF 81 DETAINEES RELEASED PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS HAS NOT YET BECOME AVAILABLE. A GLEANING OF PRESS SOURCES
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HAS YIELDED FOLLOWING 46 NAMES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN REFTELS: SALLY MOTLANA; JEANNIE NOEL, MRS. LORRAINE TABANE, DR. FATIMA MEER, YUNUS CARRIM, LLOYD PADAYACHI, DAVID GASA, NORMAN DUBIZANE, S.R. MAHARAJ, WILLIE NKOSI, JAN TUGWANA, WILLIE BOKALA, DUMA NDLOVU, ZULUBOY MOLEFE, MOFFAT ZUNGU, JOE THLOLOE, GEORGE MAROLEN, BARNEY

NGAKANE, BARNEY PITYANA, CHRIS MOKODITOA, MISS ILVA MACKAY, LIZO PITYANA, KHAYALATU MQHAYISA, MOKI CEKISANI, GRADWELL CEKISANI, NICKY TITUS, MBUYISELO MADAKA, REV. CHRIS WESSELS, E. TEMBENI, DAVID TSHANGA, MZUVUKILE MAGWETUDA, REV. SAM ABRAHAMS, DENNIS SIWISA, DR. S. SOLOMBELA, DR. L. MSAULI, MRS. NOBANDILE MVOVO, MS. PHUMLA SANGOLTSHA, MPOZO GAZO, MZIMKHULU GWENTSHE, RAY MAGIDA, SIMILO MABEKA, MZWANDILE MBILINI, PHUMZILE MAHLAKATA, PAPA MBATYOTI, MALUSI MPUMLWANA AND THAMSANQA QAMBATA. EXCEPT FOR THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ABOVE ARE UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY FOR MOST PART.

3. PRESS REPORTED ON DECEMBER 29 THAT 32 MORE DETAINEES HAD BEEN RELEASED PREVIOUS DAY. THESE DETAINEES WERE NOT ON ORIGINAL LIST OF 81, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, ALTHOUGH THEIR RELEASE DOCUMENTS WERE REPORTEDLY SIGNED TWO DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THE 32 ARE: PETER MAGUBANE; GOVAN REDDY OF INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS; RASHID MEER, SON OF FATIMA MEER; BOBBY MAREE, EMPLOYEE OF PUBLICATION "CHALLENGE;" MOHAMMED TIMOL, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE; DR. NTHATO MOTLANA; FATHER SMANGALISO MKHATSHWA, CATHOLIC PRIEST; SAMSON NDOU, TRADE UNIONIST; VITUS MVELASE, UMLAZI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION; THAMI ZANI, GENERAL SECRETARY, SASO; MARK SHINER, FORMER ROBBEN ISLAND PRISONER; REV. EDDIE THOBEJANE, BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION; GEORGE SITHOLE, UMLAZI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION; WINNIE MANDELA; JANE PHAKATHI; DEBS MATSHAoba, SASO; JOYCE SEROKWE; MISS SIBONGILE KHUBEKA, SASO; MRS. NOMAKHAYA MAFUNA, ALEXANDRA SCHOOL TEACHER; GIBSON KENTE; REV. EBENEZER MAQHINA, PLAYWRIGHT; DIMZA PITYANA, INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS; PATRICK TITI, UITENHAGE SOCIAL WORKER; PATRICK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAQUBELA; PHILANI NKAJI; MACGLORY SPECKMAN; JOSEPH MOLOKENG; MISS TENJIWE MTINTSO; MXOLISI MVOMVO, BPC; SILUMKO SOKUPA, SASO; DR. MAMPHETLA RAMPHELE, SUPERINTENDENT OF ZANEMPILO HEALTH CENTER; AND MISS THOKO MBANJWA.

4. CONGEN JOHANNESBURG LEARNED THIS MORNING, DEC.29, FROM INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS THAT VESTA SMITH WAS IN FACT RELEASED WITH THE ORIGINAL 81 BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

5. COMMENT: RELEASE OF 32 COMES AS SURPRISE TO MANY. REASON BEHIND IT IS UNCLEAR. CERTAINLY PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESSURE HAD BEEN GROWING, DESPITE RELEASE OF 81. PRESS HAD CONTINUED TO PUBLISH NAMES OF THOSE NOT AMONGST 81 AND TOTAL NUMBER OF 433 DETAINED AS COMPILED BY INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (PRETORIA 5791) WAS CONSTANTLY THROWN FORWARD AS COMPARATIVE FIGURE. RELEASE OF PROMINENT FIGURES WAS SUBSTANTIALLY NEUTRALIZED AS PUBLIC RELATIONS VEHICLE WHEN FIVE OF THEM WERE HIT WITH HARSH BANNING ORDERS. THESE

WERE WINNIE MANDELA, RASHID MEER, GOVAN REDDY, GEORGE
SITHOLE AND MOHAMMED TIMOL. MEER, MANDELA AND TIMOL
ARE UNDER NIGHT AND WEEKEND HOUSE ARREST; MEER AND TIMOL
ARE CONFINED TO THEIR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS WHILE MANDELA,
UNDER CLOSEST RESTRICTION OF ALL, CANNOT LEAVE ORLANDO
SECTION OF SOWETO.
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